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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

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Examiner

Fenn C. Mathew

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 18 October 2005.
- 2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 6-10 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 6-10 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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DETAILED ACTION

Claim Objections

1. Claims 7-10 are objected to because of the following informalities: The errors are too numerous to cite individually. In claim 7, the phrase "the hand shaped spring" lacks antecedent basis. In claim 8, the phrase 'each digital insertion' lacks antecedent basis. In claim 9 the word 'sip' should read 'slip'. Appropriate correction is required.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

2. Claims 6-10 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Wang (U.S. 5,113,526). Claims are slightly unclear, and are also very broad. As best understood, Wang teaches a device including a system of integrated parts comprising a series of tubular, hollowed, corrugated, elastic spring tensioned members correlating with the fingers of a user's hand. Referring to claim 7, Wang teaches providing the elastic spring members to be inserted into a glove, which inherently allows different levels of resistance based on the number of springs provided. Referring to claim 8, Wang teaches providing springs of varying thicknesses and sizes. Referring to claim 9, Wang teaches the springs having varying thickness which inherently leads to different degrees of resistance. Referring to claim 10, Wang teaches the glove made of different materials having different tensions.

Response to Arguments

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3. Applicant's arguments filed 10/18/2005 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive. Applicant's claims remain very broad. Furthermore, based on the limited specification, it does not appear that Applicant's device is patentable over the art of record, since claims are limited to what can be supported by the written specification. Wang meets the claimed limitations.

Conclusion

This action is a **final rejection** and is intended to close the prosecution of this application.

If applicant should desire to file an amendment, entry of a proposed amendment after final rejection cannot be made as a matter of right unless it merely cancels claims or complies with a formal requirement made earlier. Amendments touching the merits of the application which otherwise might not be proper may be admitted upon a showing a good and sufficient reasons why they are necessary and why they were not presented earlier.

The filing of an amendment after final rejection, whether or not it is entered, does not stop the running of the statutory period for reply to the final rejection unless the examiner holds the claims to be in condition for allowance. Accordingly, if a Notice of Appeal has not been filed properly within the period for reply, or any extension of this period obtained under either 37 CFR 1.136(a) or (b), the application will become abandoned.

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Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Fenn C. Mathew whose telephone number is (571) 272-4978. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday - Friday 9:00am - 5:30pm.

The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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December 18, 2005

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Michael A. Brown", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

MICHAEL A. BROWN
PRIMARY EXAMINER